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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRE-RELEASE CENTER

Attached is the just completed public survey results and survey questions about the Proposed Helena Area Pre-Release Center. The survey was completed by Market Revelations LTD.

As outlined in the siting criteria the responses were from 300 residents living within a four mile radius of the Up Country Inn. Two-thirds of the respondents either approved or were neutral toward locating a pre release center in Lewis and Clark County. The majority felt a pre release center should not be within the city limits. It was fairly equally split on using the Up Country Inn (49.2 in favor of the site and 47.1 were opposed).

The three major concerns of the residents were:

- Response time by law enforcement
- Proximity to neighbors
- Impact on property values

I look forward to joining you on the 27th for our town meeting.

Sincerely,

RICK DAY  
Director

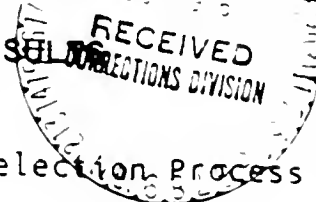
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## TABULATED SURVEY RESULTS



Q1A In Your Opinion, Is Pre-release Selection Process Sufficient

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Yes                  | 1     | 209       | 69.7    | 69.9          | 69.9        |
| No                   | 2     | 73        | 24.3    | 24.4          | 94.3        |
| Don't Know / Refused | 3     | 17        | 5.7     | 5.7           | 100.0       |
|                      | .     | 1         | .3      | Missing       |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev .587

Valid cases 299 Missing cases 1

CONCLUSION: Almost 70% (69.9%) of respondents said they felt the pre-release selection process is sufficient

Q2A Rank the Importance of the Following Factor in Selecting A Site for a Pre-Release Center: Area Employment

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Very Important       | 1     | 169       | 56.3    | 58.7          | 58.7        |
| Moderately Important | 3     | 97        | 32.3    | 33.7          | 92.4        |
| Not At All Important | 5     | 22        | 7.3     | 7.6           | 100.0       |
|                      | .     | 12        | 4.0     | Missing       |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.271

Valid cases 288 Missing cases 12

CONCLUSION: The majority of survey respondents (58.37%) Indicated Area Employment Opportunities are "Very Important" in Selecting a Pre-Release Site.



Q28 Rank the Importance of the Following Factor in Selecting A Site for a Pre-Release Center: Available Transportation

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| VERY IMPORTANT       | 1     | 126       | 42.0    | 43.6          | 43.6        |
| MODERATELY IMPORTANT | 3     | 114       | 38.0    | 39.4          | 83.0        |
| NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT | 5     | 49        | 16.3    | 17.0          | 100.0       |
| .                    | .     | 11        | 3.7     | Missing       |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.465

Valid cases 289 Missing cases 11

CONCLUSION: Survey respondents were fairly divided on the importance of transportation. 43.6% of respondents said Transportation was "Very Important" and 39.4% indicated Transportation was only "Moderately Important" as a factor in Selecting a Pre-Release Site.

Q2C Rank the Importance of the Following Factor in Selecting A Site for a Pre-Release Center: Educational and Training Opportunities

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| VERY IMPORTANT       | 1     | 164       | 54.7    | 56.4          | 56.4        |
| MODERATELY IMPORTANT | 3     | 101       | 33.7    | 34.7          | 91.1        |
| NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT | 5     | 26        | 8.7     | 8.9           | 100.0       |
| .                    | .     | 9         | 3.0     | Missing       |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.311

Valid cases 291 Missing cases 9

CONCLUSION: The majority of survey respondents (56.4%) Indicated Area Educational and Training Opportunities are "Very Important "in Selecting a Pre-Release Site.



Q2D Rank the Importance of the Following Factor in Selecting A Site for a Pre-Release Center: Impact on Property Values

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| VERY IMPORTANT       | 1     | 175       | 58.3    | 60.6          | 60.6        |
| MODERATELY IMPORTANT | 3     | 77        | 25.7    | 26.6          | 87.2        |
| NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT | 5     | 37        | 12.3    | 12.8          | 100.0       |
| .                    | .     | 11        | 3.7     | Missing       |             |
|                      |       | -----     | -----   | -----         |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.425

Valid cases 289 Missing cases 11

CONCLUSION: The majority of survey respondents (60.6%) Indicated the Impact on Property Values is "Very Important" in Selecting a Pre-Release Site.

Q2E Rank the Importance of the Following Factor in Selecting A Site for a Pre-Release Center: Available Treatment and Programs

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| VERY IMPORTANT       | 1     | 184       | 61.3    | 63.4          | 63.4        |
| MODERATELY IMPORTANT | 3     | 83        | 27.7    | 28.6          | 92.1        |
| NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT | 5     | 23        | 7.7     | 7.9           | 100.0       |
| .                    | .     | 10        | 3.3     | Missing       |             |
|                      |       | -----     | -----   | -----         |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.276

Valid cases 290 Missing cases 10

CONCLUSION: The majority of survey respondents (63.4%) Indicated Area Treatment Opportunities are "Very Important" in Selecting a Pre-Release Site.





Q2F Rank the Importance of the Following Factor in Selecting A Site for a Pre-Release Center: Proximity of Neighbors

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| VERY IMPORTANT       | 1     | 191       | 63.7    | 65.9          | 65.9        |
| MODERATELY IMPORTANT | 3     | 77        | 25.7    | 26.6          | 92.4        |
| NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT | 5     | 22        | 7.3     | 7.6           | 100.0       |
|                      | .     | 10        | 3.3     | Missing       |             |
|                      |       | -----     | -----   | -----         |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.259

Valid cases 290 Missing cases 10

CONCLUSION: The majority of survey respondents (65.9%) Indicated the Proximity of Neighbors is "Very Important" in Selecting a Pre-Release Site.

Q2G Rank the Importance of the Following Factor in Selecting A Site for a Pre-Release Center: Law Enforcement Response Time

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| VERY IMPORTANT       | 1     | 219       | 73.0    | 76.0          | 76.0        |
| MODERATELY IMPORTANT | 3     | 59        | 19.7    | 20.5          | 96.5        |
| NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT | 5     | 10        | 3.3     | 3.5           | 100.0       |
|                      | .     | 12        | 4.0     | Missing       |             |
|                      |       | -----     | -----   | -----         |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.038

Valid cases 288 Missing cases 12

CONCLUSION: The majority of survey respondents (76.0%) Indicated the Response Time for Law Enforcement was "Very Important" in Selecting a Pre-Release Site. This factor received the highest percentage of "Very Important" ratings.

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Q2H Rank the Importance of the Following Factor in Selecting A Site for a Pre-Release Center: Resident Capacity of the Facility

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| VERY IMPORTANT       | 1     | 153       | 51.0    | 54.3          | 54.3        |
| MODERATELY IMPORTANT | 3     | 102       | 34.0    | 36.2          | 90.4        |
| NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT | 5     | 27        | 9.0     | 9.6           | 100.0       |
|                      | .     | 18        | 6.0     | Missing       |             |
|                      |       | -----     | -----   | -----         |             |
| Total                |       | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.321

Valid cases 282 Missing cases 18

CONCLUSION: The majority of survey respondents (54.3%) Indicated the Resident Capacity of The Facility was "Very Important" in Selecting a Pre-Release Site.

Q2I Rank the Importance of the Following Factor in Selecting A Site for a Pre-Release Center: Percentage of Offenders from the County

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| VERY IMPORTANT       | 1     | 60        | 20.0    | 21.3          | 21.3        |
| MODERATELY IMPORTANT | 3     | 118       | 39.4    | 41.8          | 63.1        |
| NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT | 5     | 104       | 34.7    | 36.6          | 100.0       |
|                      |       | 18        | 6.0     | Missing       |             |
|                      |       | -----     | -----   | -----         |             |
| Total                |       | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.502

Valid cases 282 Missing cases 18

CONCLUSION: Unlike the other factors, survey respondents did not see the number of offenders from a given County as important as the other factors in choosing a pre-release site. 41.8% said the number of offenders was only "Moderately Important" and 36.6% said it was "Not At All Important".



Q2RANK1 Of the factors you said were "Very Important" which would you give a Rank of Number 1?

| Value Label                 | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Area Employment             | 1     | 32        | 10.7    | 13.4          | 13.4        |
| Available Transportation    | 2     | 6         | 2.0     | 2.5           | 15.9        |
| Area Education and Training | 3     | 30        | 10.0    | 12.6          | 28.5        |
| Impact on Property Values   | 4     | 21        | 7.0     | 8.8           | 37.2        |
| Available Treatment         | 5     | 18        | 6.0     | 7.5           | 44.8        |
| Proximity of Neighbors      | 6     | 72        | 24.0    | 30.1          | 74.9        |
| Response Time by Law        | 7     | 53        | 17.7    | 22.2          | 97.1        |
| Resident Capacity of Site   | 8     | 6         | 2.0     | 2.5           | 99.6        |
| Percent of Offenders        | 9     | 1         | .3      | .4            | 100.0       |
| .                           | .     | 61        | 20.3    | Missing       |             |
| Total                       |       | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 2.108

Valid cases 239 Missing cases 61

CONCLUSION: Proximity of Neighbors received the highest ranking of the nine factors ranked (72 responses). Response Time by Law was a distant second (53 responses).

Q2 Of the factors you said were "Very Important" which would you give a RANK of Number 2?

| Value Label                 | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Area Employment             | 1     | 27        | 9.0     | 12.0          | 12.0        |
| Available Transportation    | 2     | 18        | 6.0     | 8.0           | 20.0        |
| Area Education and Training | 3     | 25        | 8.3     | 11.1          | 31.1        |
| Impact on Property Values   | 4     | 41        | 13.7    | 18.2          | 49.3        |
| Available Treatment         | 5     | 20        | 6.7     | 8.9           | 58.2        |
| Proximity of Neighbors      | 6     | 33        | 11.0    | 14.7          | 72.9        |
| Response Time by Law        | 7     | 48        | 16.0    | 21.3          | 94.2        |
| Resident Capacity of Site   | 8     | 11        | 3.7     | 4.9           | 99.1        |
| Percent of Offenders        | 9     | 2         | .7      | .9            | 100.0       |
| .                           | .     | 75        | 25.0    | Missing       |             |
| Total                       |       | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 2.176

Valid cases 225 Missing cases 75

CONCLUSION: Response Time by Law received the highest number of second place rankings (48 responses).



Q2 Of the factors you said were "Very Important" which would you give a RANK of Number 3?

| Value Label                 | Value | Frequency     | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Area Employment             | 1     | 25            | 8.3     | 12.7          | 12.7        |
| Available Transportation    | 2     | 18            | 6.0     | 9.1           | 21.8        |
| Area Education and Training | 3     | 21            | 7.0     | 10.7          | 32.5        |
| Impact on Property Values   | 4     | 31            | 10.3    | 15.7          | 48.2        |
| Available Treatment         | 5     | 31            | 10.3    | 15.7          | 64.0        |
| Proximity of Neighbors      | 6     | 15            | 5.0     | 7.6           | 71.5        |
| Response Time by Law        | 7     | 40            | 13.3    | 20.3          | 91.9        |
| Resident Capacity of Site   | 8     | 10            | 3.3     | 5.1           | 97.0        |
| Percent of Offenders        | 9     | 6             | 2.0     | 3.0           | 100.0       |
| .                           | .     | 103           | 34.3    | Missing       |             |
| Total                       |       | 300           | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |
| Std dev                     | 2.267 |               |         |               |             |
| Valid cases                 | 197   | Missing cases | 103     |               |             |

CONCLUSION: Response Time by Law received the highest number of third place rankings (40 responses).

Q2 Of the factors you said were "Very Important" which would you give a RANK of Number 4?

| Value Label                 | Value | Frequency     | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Area Employment             | 1     | 10            | 3.3     | 8.0           | 8.0         |
| Available Transportation    | 2     | 16            | 5.3     | 12.8          | 20.8        |
| Area Education and Training | 3     | 14            | 4.7     | 11.2          | 32.0        |
| Impact on Property Values   | 4     | 17            | 5.7     | 13.6          | 45.6        |
| Available Treatment         | 5     | 17            | 5.7     | 13.6          | 59.2        |
| Proximity of Neighbors      | 6     | 11            | 3.7     | 8.8           | 68.0        |
| Response Time by Law        | 7     | 12            | 4.0     | 9.6           | 77.6        |
| Resident Capacity of Site   | 8     | 23            | 7.7     | 18.4          | 96.0        |
| Percent of Offenders        | 9     | 5             | 1.7     | 4.0           | 100.0       |
| .                           | .     | 175           | 58.3    | Missing       |             |
| Total                       |       | 300           | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |
| Std dev                     | 2.414 |               |         |               |             |
| Valid cases                 | 125   | Missing cases | 175     |               |             |





CONCLUSION: Resident Capacity of the Site received the highest number of fourth place rankings (23 responses). Note 175 individuals did not have a fourth place factor.

Q2 Of the factors you said were "Very Important" which would you give a RANK of Number 5?

| Value Label                 | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Area Employment             | 1     | 9         | 3.0     | 10.2          | 10.2        |
| Available Transportation    | 2     | 7         | 2.3     | 8.0           | 18.2        |
| Area Education and Training | 3     | 13        | 4.3     | 14.8          | 33.0        |
| Impact on Property Values   | 4     | 10        | 3.3     | 11.4          | 44.3        |
| Available Treatment         | 5     | 13        | 4.3     | 14.8          | 59.1        |
| Proximity of Neighbors      | 6     | 8         | 2.7     | 9.1           | 68.2        |
| Response Time by Law        | 7     | 6         | 2.0     | 6.8           | 75.0        |
| Resident Capacity of Site   | 8     | 17        | 5.7     | 19.3          | 94.3        |
| Percent of Offenders        | 9     | 5         | 1.7     | 5.7           | 100.0       |
|                             | .     | 212       | 70.7    | Missing       |             |
|                             | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 2.477

Valid cases 88 Missing cases 212

CONCLUSION: Resident Capacity received the highest number of fifth place rankings (17 responses). Note 212 individuals did not have a fifth place factor.



## Q2 TOP THREE FACTORS (RANKING OF 1 or 2 or 3)

| Value Label                 | Value | Frequency |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Area Employment             | 1     | 84        |
| Available Transportation    | 2     | 42        |
| Area Education and Training | 3     | 76        |
| Impact on Property Values   | 4     | 93        |
| Available Treatment         | 5     | 69        |
| Proximity of Neighbors      | 6     | 120       |
| Response Time by Law        | 7     | 141       |
| Resident Capacity of Site   | 8     | 27        |
| Percent of Offenders        | 9     | 9         |
| -----                       |       |           |
|                             | Total | 300       |

Std dev 2.477

Valid cases 88 Missing cases 212

CONCLUSION: The top three factors which respondents ranked as most important in selecting a pre-release site were: Response Time by Law Enforcement (141), Proximity to Neighbors (120) and Impact on Property Values (93).

## Q3 Opinion on site in Lewis and Clark

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| STRONGLY APPROVE     | 1     | 52        | 17.3    | 17.3          | 17.3        |
| SOMEWHAT APPROVE     | 2     | 53        | 17.7    | 17.7          | 35.0        |
| NEUTRAL              | 3     | 104       | 34.7    | 34.7          | 69.7        |
| SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE  | 4     | 16        | 5.3     | 5.3           | 75.0        |
| DON'T APPROVE AT ALL | 5     | 75        | 25.0    | 25.0          | 100.0       |
|                      |       | -----     | -----   | -----         |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.389

Valid cases 300 Missing cases 0

CONCLUSION: 209 respondents or 2/3 of all respondents either approved or were neutral towards locating a pre-release center in Lewis and Clark County.



Q4 Should site be within city limits?

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Yes                  | 1     | 133       | 44.3    | 45.1          | 45.1        |
| No                   | 2     | 153       | 51.0    | 51.9          | 96.9        |
| Don't Know / Refused | 3     | 9         | 3.0     | 3.1           | 100.0       |
|                      | .     | 5         | 1.7     | Missing       |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev .553

Valid cases 295 Missing cases 5

**CONCLUSION:** A majority of respondents (51.9%) felt pre-release centers should not be within city limits.

Q5 Should site be outside city limits?

| Value Label | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|-------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
|             | 1     | 169       | 56.3    | 58.9          | 58.9        |
|             | 2     | 109       | 36.3    | 38.0          | 96.9        |
|             | 3     | 9         | 3.0     | 3.1           | 100.0       |
|             | .     | 13        | 4.3     | Missing       |             |
|             | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev .557

Valid cases 287 Missing cases 13

**CONCLUSION:** A majority of respondents (58.9%) felt pre-release centers should be outside city limits.



## Q5 Opinion on having a pre-release site in Helena Area

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| STRONGLY APPROVE     | 1     | 51        | 17.0    | 17.2          | 17.2        |
| SOMEWHAT APPROVE     | 2     | 40        | 13.3    | 13.5          | 30.6        |
| NEUTRAL              | 3     | 93        | 31.0    | 31.3          | 62.0        |
| SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE  | 4     | 22        | 7.3     | 7.4           | 69.4        |
| DON'T APPROVE AT ALL | 5     | 91        | 30.3    | 30.6          | 100.0       |
|                      | .     | 3         | 1.0     | Missing       |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev 1.444

Valid cases 297 Missing cases 3

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CONCLUSION: 61.3% of respondents either approve or are neutral towards locating a pre-release center in the Helena area.

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Q7 Is UpCountry Inn acceptable as a pre-release site?

| Value Label          | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Yes                  | 1     | 146       | 48.7    | 49.2          | 49.2        |
| No                   | 2     | 140       | 46.7    | 47.1          | 96.3        |
| Don't Know / Refused | 3     | 11        | 3.7     | 3.7           | 100.0       |
|                      | .     | 3         | 1.0     | Missing       |             |
|                      | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev .568

Valid cases 297 Missing cases 3

CONCLUSION: Respondents were fairly equally split as to having the former UpCountry Inn serve as a pre-release site. 49.2% of respondents were in favor of this site, and 47.1% were opposed.

Q8 Gender

| Value Label | Value | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cum Percent |
|-------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Male        | 1     | 125       | 41.7    | 43.0          | 43.0        |
| Female      | 2     | 165       | 55.0    | 56.7          | 99.7        |
|             | 3     | 1         | .3      | .3            | 100.0       |
|             | .     | 9         | 3.0     | Missing       |             |
|             | Total | 300       | 100.0   | 100.0         |             |

Std dev .502

Valid cases 291 Missing cases 9



## CODING OF COMMENTS ON QUESTION 1(B)

IMPROVEMENTS TO PRE-RELEASE SELECTION PROCESS

NOTE: MANY RESPONDENTS SAID THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SUGGEST IMPROVEMENTS.

MULTIPLE COMMENTS PER RESPONDENT WERE ALLOWED

| COMMENT  | NUMBER OF RESPONSES |
|--|---------------------|
| ELIMINATE PRE-RELEASE ALL TOGETHER / DID THE CRIME SHOULD DO THE FULL TIME             | 25                  |
| CERTAIN CRIMES ONLY / NO VIOLENT / NO SEX OFFENDERS / NO "SERIOUS" OFFENDERS           | 23                  |
| DON'T TRUST THE SYSTEM / TOO MUCH CHANCE OF A HUMAN ERROR                              | 8                   |
| MAKE IT AS TOUGH AS POSSIBLE TO GET IN   | 5                   |
| MORE LOCAL INPUT / MORE PEOPLE ON COMMITTEE, ADD 10 MORE                               | 4                   |
| ADD MEMBERS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD  | 3                   |
| CHANGE LENGTH OF STAY ACCORDING TO THE TYPE OF CRIME                                   | 3                   |
| PUBLISH NAMES OF PEOPLE ON COMMUNITY BOARD   | 3                   |
| INVOLVE LOCAL CORRECTIONS BOARD/AREA LEGISLATORS                                       | 2                   |
| GO TO PRE-RELEASE WHEN CLOSER TO RELEASE DATE ONLY                                     | 2                   |
| SHOULD BE MORE PUBLIC INFORMATION ON THE SELECTION PROCESS                             | 2                   |
| HAVE EVERYONE HAVE A PSYCH EVALUATION BEFORE PUTTING IN PRE-RELEASE / BETTER SCREENING | 2                   |
| GUARDS SEND THEIR FAVORITES / CAN INFLUENCE WHO GETS TO GO                             | 2                   |
| ADD A MENTAL HEALTH OFFICIAL   | 1                   |
| GO TO PRE- RELEASE ON UNANIMOUS VOTE ONLY  | 1                   |
| MAKE SURE OFFENDER CAN BE REHABILITATED  | 1                   |
| [PROCESS IS TOO REACTIVE SINCE IT IS BASED ON THE OVER CAPACITY OF THE PRISON          | 1                   |
| SHOULD HAVE A JOB BEFORE GO TO PRE-RELEASE   | 1                   |
| DEPENDS ON THE INMATE  | 1                   |



**COMMENTS ON QUESTION 3 (B): REASON FOR RANKING ON LOCATING  
PRE-RELEASE IN LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY**

**MULTIPLE COMMENTS PER RESPONDENT WERE ALLOWED****IN FAVOR**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| NEED A PRE-RELEASE CENTER / OFFENDERS NEED TO GO SOMEWHERE                          | 42 |
| PRE-RELEASE IS GOOD FOR SOME OFFENDERS  | 12 |
| BRING JOBS TO THE COMMUNITY   | 6  |
| HELENA HAS THE SERVICES FOR A PRE-RELEASE   | 2  |
| TRUST DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION                               | 1  |
| OFFENDERS ARE COMING HERE ANYWAY, COMMUNITY SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THEIR PRE-RELEASE | 1  |

**NEUTRAL**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| DEPENDS ON THE LOCATION                | 24 |
| NEED MORE PUBLIC INFORMATION TO DECIDE | 10 |
| DEPEND ON THE CRIME                    | 2  |
| IF THE PROPER SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE   | 1  |

**OPPOSED**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| I DON'T AGREE WITH PRE-RELEASE  | 26 |
| TOO CLOSE TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD  | 11 |
| TOO MANY WALK-ALWAYS  | 3  |
| TOO COSTLY  | 3  |
| SHOULD BE IN MORE METROPOLITAN AREA WHERE THERE ARE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OFFENDERS/MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT | 3  |
| NOT NEAR HELENA   | 3  |
| PEOPLE GET INTO PRE-RELEASE WHO SHOULD NOT BE THERE   | 2  |
| NO APPROPRIATE SITES FOR ONE/ NEGATIVE IMPACT ON AREA   | 2  |
| LEWIS AND CLARK ALREADY HAS TOO MANY HELP PROGRAMS  | 1  |
| WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH ON WELFARE ROLLS   | 1  |
| WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT PROPERTY VALUES  | 1  |



**QUESTION 7: REASONS FOR AND AGAINST UPCOUNTRY INN  
MULTIPLE COMMENTS PER RESPONDENT WERE ALLOWED**

**MULTIPLE COMMENTS PER RESPONDENT WERE ALLOWED**

**AGAINST THE SITE**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| NOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO TOWN AND FACILITIES   | 27 |
| TOO CLOSE TO MY HOUSE   | 23 |
| TOO CLOSE TO RESIDENTIAL AREA / TOO CLOSE TO FAMILIES /<br>WOMEN ARE ALONE IN THE AREA  | 20 |
| NO TRANSPORTATION / WOULD BE EXPENSIVE TO TRANSPORT   | 18 |
| TOO LONG A RESPONSE TIME BY LAW ENFORCEMENT   | 16 |
| TOO CLOSE TO TOWN   | 12 |
| OPPOSED TO ANY PRE-RELEASE  | 11 |
| TOO CLOSE TO SCHOOL / TOO CLOSE TO CHILDREN   | 9  |
| TOO EASY TO ESCAPE (NEAR RR, DENSE BUSHES, UNLOCKED<br>FARM VEHICLES, 10 MILE CREEK, TOO MANY PEOPLE THEY COULD<br>GET LOST IN A CROWD) | 6  |
| TOO FAR FROM EMPLOYMENT / EDUCATION   | 6  |
| DON'T WANT TO SEE BUILDING GO FOR THIS PURPOSE/HISTORIC<br>BUILDING   | 6  |
| WOULD DECREASE PROPERTY VALUES  | 5  |
| TOO CLOSE TO RECREATIONAL AREA  | 4  |
| STRUCTURE IS INSUFFICIENT / TOO EXPENSIVE TO REMODEL  | 3  |
| BAD SITE  | 3  |
| POOR ROAD CONDITIONS / HEAVY TRAFFIC  | 2  |
| HOSTILE NEIGHBORHOOD  | 2  |
| HELENA IS NOT A GOOD CHOICE   | 1  |

**NEUTRAL**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| THE NEIGHBORS / PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE AREA SHOULD<br>DECIDE                            | 5 |
| HAVEN'T SEEN THE SITE IN YEARS, DEPENDS ON HOW BUILT UP IT<br>IS NEAR THE UPCOUNTRY INN | 1 |
| DEPENDS ON THE TYPE OF CRIMINALS ALLOWED THERE  | 1 |

**IN FAVOR OF SITE**

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|--|----|
| AWAY FROM POPULATION / GOOD SITE   | 44 |
| GOOD USE FOR BUILDING  | 14 |
| ACCESSIBLE SITE / CLOSE TO TOWN  | 9  |
| SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE / TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE / NICE<br>WALK   | 7  |
| GOOD SECURITY (BACKED UP BY FORT HARRISON AND NATIONAL<br>GUARD/LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN GET THERE QUICK ENOUGH | 4  |
| TOUGH TO ESCAPE ( WIDE OPEN SPACE)   | 1  |
| AWAY FROM PREJUDICED HIGH INCOME PEOPLE  | 1  |





ALTERNATIVE SITES SUGGESTED GLASGOW AIRFORCE BASE, ON HIGHWAY 12 NEAR  
POLICE ACADEMY



DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS - PRE-RELEASE CENTER SURVEY  
PUBLIC VERSION

TARGET MARKET: HELENA - RESIDENTS WITHIN 4 MILES OF UPCOUNTRY INN  
TOTAL CALLS: 400 RESIDENTS

INTRO 1: Hello, my name is (FULL NAME) with Market Revelations, an independent market research firm. May I please speak with the owner of this residence?

Yes, This Is..... 1 CONTINUE INTRO

Yes, Please Hold..... 2 SKIP TO INTRO 2

No..... 3 TERMINATE

Not Available: Is there a good time to call back later today?

FILL OUT CALLBACK COMPLETELY

NO CALLS AFTER THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1996

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M / P.M)

CONTINUE On behalf of the MT Department of Corrections, we are conducting a survey of area residents to obtain their views on pre-release centers. Pre-release refers to a structured program for the transition of inmates back into a community. This call will take approximately two minutes of your time. Would now be a convenient time for you to give us your input?

Yes, This Is..... 1 GO TO SCREENER

No..... 3 THANK & TERMINATE

Not Now: When would be a good time to call back? RECORD ABOVE

INTRO 2: Hello, my name is (FULL NAME) with Market Revelations, an independent market research firm. On behalf of the MT Department of Corrections, we are conducting a survey of area residents to obtain their views on pre-release centers. Pre-release refers to a structured program for the transition of inmates back into a community. This call will take approximately two minutes of your time. Would now be a convenient time for you to give us your input?

Yes, This Is..... 1 CONTINUE TO SCREENER

No..... 3 TERMINATE

Not Now: When would be a good time to call back? RECORD ABOVE

SCREENER 1 Before I get started, I show your address as \_\_\_\_\_ (READ ADDRESS FROM VOTER SHEET). Is this correct?

Yes, This Is..... 1 CONTINUE SCREENER 2

No..... 2 THANK & TERMINATE

SCREENER 2 Have you lived at this address for at least 1 year?

Yes..... 1 CONTINUE Q1

No..... 2 THANK & TERMINATE



# **DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS - PRE-RELEASE CENTER SURVEY** **PUBLIC VERSION**

Because Lewis and Clark County is a significant contributor to the State's prison population and offers a wide variety of support services, the County is under consideration as a site for a pre-release center. The purpose of this survey is to get your opinions on pre-release, then ask your opinions on a particular site under consideration. The goal of this survey is to get responses from citizens in the County regarding these issues in order to improve the decision making process. Your answers will be kept confidential.

**Q1A.** Before placing an inmate in a pre-release center the following process occurs:

1. Only inmates, who are within 24 months of release or parole and meet other criteria, are considered for pre-release.
2. An inmate who meets this criteria, must also be approved by the prison's staff as a candidate for pre-release.
3. The inmate's case is then examined by a prison pre-release screening committee, and a second screening committee made up of members from the community where the pre-release center is located. If both screening committees approve, the inmate is selected and placed in the pre-release facility.

In your opinion, is this selection process sufficient?

Yes, It Is..... 1

No, It Is Not..... 2

**CONTINUE Q2**

**Ask Q1B**

**Q1B.** What would you do to improve the process:

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**Q2A.** In order of priority, rank the importance of the following factors in determining the location of a pre-release center in the State where 1 is Very Important, 3 is Moderately Important, and 5 is Not Very Important. For example, you might think that Number of Law Enforcement Personnel in the area is Very Important and would give it a ranking of #1.

**(ROTATE)**

|  | Ranking |   |   |
|--|---------|---|---|
| Area Employment Opportunities                              | _____ 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Available Transportation                                   | _____ 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Area Educational and Training Opportunities                | _____ 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Impact on Property Values                                  | _____ 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Available Treatment Facilities and Programs                | _____ 1 | 3 | 5 |
| The proximity of neighbors to a particular site            | _____ 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Response time to a potential site for area law enforcement | _____ 1 | 3 | 5 |
| The resident capacity of a potential facility              | _____ 1 | 3 | 5 |
| The percentage of offenders who come from a given County   | _____ 1 | 3 | 5 |

**Q2B THEN RANK 1'S (ONES) IN RELATION TO ONE ANOTHER:**

Of the factors you gave a one rating, which would you say is most important in your opinion? Which Next? Which Next?... **RECORD UNDER RANKING**



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PUBLIC VERSION

- Q3. Lewis and Clark County is currently under consideration as a location for a pre-release center. The purpose of the Center would be for the structured transition of inmates back into the community, a majority of whom may be returning to the County upon their release.

On a 1 to 5 scale, where 1 is Strongly Approve, 5 is Don't Approve at all, and 3 is Neutral, indicate your opinion on locating a pre-release center in Lewis and Clark County.

|                     |                     |         |                        |                         |       |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Strongly<br>Approve | Somewhat<br>Approve | Neutral | Somewhat<br>Disapprove | Don't Approve<br>At All |       |
| 1.....              | 2.....              | 3.....  | 4.....                 | 5                       | DK/RF |

- Q3B. What is the reason for your ranking:

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- Q4. Do you believe pre-release centers should be within city limits?

Yes 1 Why \_\_\_\_\_

No 2 Why Not \_\_\_\_\_

- Q5. Do you believe pre-release centers should be outside city limits?

Yes 1 Why \_\_\_\_\_

No 2 Why Not \_\_\_\_\_

- Q6. On a 1 to 5 scale, where 1 is Strongly Approve, 5 is Don't Approve At All, and 3 is Neutral, indicate your opinion on locating a pre-release center in the Helena area.

|                     |                     |         |                        |                         |       |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Strongly<br>Approve | Somewhat<br>Approve | Neutral | Somewhat<br>Disapprove | Don't Approve<br>At All |       |
| 1.....              | 2.....              | 3.....  | 4.....                 | 5                       | DK/RF |





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Q6B. What is your reason for this ranking?

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Q7. A site, being considered for a pre-release center, is the UpCountry Inn, located at 2245 Head Lane, which is East of Fort Harrison, North of Spring Meadow Lake and West of Green Meadow Country Club.

Would you find it acceptable to site a Pre-Release Center at the UpCountry Inn site?

Yes.....1

No.....2

Q7B. What is your reason for this ranking?

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On behalf of the Montana Department of Corrections I would like to thank you for your help with our survey. We appreciate you taking the time to participate.

If you have additional comments you would like to share, you can send them to Doug Barnes in care of the Dept. of Corrections, 1539 11th Avenue, Helena MT 59620

Q8. INTERVIEWER: RECORD GENDER (DO NOT READ)

Male..... 1

Female..... 2

